

LOCAL MENTION.

Short Talks of People and Happenings in and About Columbus.

From Sunday's issue.

Mr. James Morton, of Vernon, Ala., was in the city Thursday.

Hon. Wm. M. Cox, of Baldwin, was a visitor to the city last week, being in attendance at the Synod.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Eggleston, of Washington, D. C., are guests at the Commercial hotel.

Mr. Sam Proctor and sisters, Misses Stella and Lucile, of Dillburg, Ala., spent Friday in the city.

Dr. H. M. Lanier, who has been confined to his bed by illness during the past few days, is able to be out again.

Mmes. T. J. McGahey and H. M. Edmonds returned yesterday from a pleasant visit to relatives in Birmingham.

The Commercial regrets to learn that Col. A. S. Payne has been quite ill with lagrippe for the past few days.

Mr. Joe Bell has returned from an extended visit to New York and other eastern cities, and is much improved in health.

Mr. W. T. Rees, of New Orleans, who is interested in the Arkay Slave and Heading company, spent several days of the past week in the city.

Miss "Lily" Chappell, who has been the guest of relatives here, returned Friday to her home in Dillburg, Ala.

Mr. E. E. Rhodes, formerly of St. Joseph, Mo., has accepted a position in the operating department of the Southern railway, and will make this city his future home.

Trainmaster Ackert, of the Columbus division of the Southern railway, accompanied by his wife and little son, left last week for a visit to Birmingham.

The city council held a meeting last Thursday night and decided to advertise for bids for the construction of the new city hall, to be opened on Wednesday, December 3, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Mr. W. P. Mahon, of the Memphis Morning News, has been spending the past few days with his mother, Mrs. Runciman, at her home on College street. Mr. Mahon has been ill and came home to recuperate.

Mr. B. L. Owen returned Thursday from Tuscaloosa accompanied by his mother, Mrs. L. W. Craddock, who will spend a few days with Mr. Owen and his family, who in a short time will move to the Indian Territory.

Mr. J. A. Minga, a former citizen of this county, but who has been at Crowley, La., for some time, arrived Wednesday on a visit to relatives. Mr. Minga is engaged in rice culture in Louisiana, and his friends will be glad to know that his success this year has been phenomenal.

MR. MALLORY RESIGNS.

Mr. J. R. Mallory, who has been chief train dispatcher for the Southern railway in this city for some time, has resigned, and left Thursday night for Wilson, La., to accept a position with the Y. and M. V. R. R.

No appointment as yet has been made to fill Mr. Mallory's place, but it is being temporarily looked after by Mr. C. M. Reeves, whose friends in the city and on the road hope he will get the position permanently.

Mr. Reeves is a thorough railroad man, being familiar with the work in all of its departments, and in addition thereto he is a conscientious, honest and honorable gentleman who reflects credit upon the company and all the officials.

The Commercial joins in the hope that the superintendent may appoint him chief dispatcher.

COLUMBUS COTTON EXCHANGE

WEEKLY COTTON STATEMENT.

1902	
Receipts last report	17320
Receipts this week	1388
Stock September 1	273 19461
Shipments last report	10260
Shipments this week	2451 13044
Stock	6417
1901	
Receipts last report	13897
Receipts this week	3111
Stock September 1	318 17272
Shipments last report	8211
Shipments this week	380 8911
	8961

Coughs

"My wife had a deep-seated cough for three years. I purchased two bottles of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, large size, and it cured her completely."

J. H. Burge, Macon, Col.

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The medicine that has been curing the worst of deep coughs for sixty years is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

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NOTES OF THE POLICE COURT.

A negro with the poetic name of Roderick Randle was communing with nature in the woods adjacent to Dr. Hardy's place out on the Highlands last Wednesday night when he stumbled upon a most gruesome and uncanny find. He was passing an old disused well in the vicinity when piercing cries smote his ears, and peeping down into the well he saw at the bottom thereof a new born negro babe. The negro, instead of rescuing the child at once, as he should have done, came to the city to notify the police, and Capt. Munger and Sergeant Shackleford went out and rescued the kid. After reassuring the babe in that soothing style of baby talk with which all policemen are familiar, the officers proceeded to institute a search for the mother of the little ebony cast-off, and succeeded in locating her in a house near by. Her name is Ophelia Hendricks, and her face is as black as was the heart of the lamented lady whose name she bears. The babe was returned to its mother's arms, and the two brought to police headquarters, where they remained Wednesday night, the case being given to the grand jury Thursday morning.

Amzi Love and Simon Hughes, both colored, became involved in a dispute over a pocket knife last Thursday, and from the desperate manner in which they fought there is evidently no love lost between them. Novelists tell us that love is always victorious, and Love certainly got the best of this fight, for he hit Hughes over the head with a stick about as big as a wagon spoke. Mayor Lincoln has no love for negroes who love to scrap, and when Love was brought before him, he said the little love lick would cost Love just ten simoleans. Love said that while he loved money as well as the next man, he also loved to pay out money for anything which brought him pleasure, and that he had certainly had a lovely time while tapping Hughes a few love licks.

THE GRAND JURY ADJOURNS.

The grand jury adjourned yesterday afternoon, after having been in session just six days. The report which was submitted to the court shows that while in session the body examined sixty-three witnesses, and returned fifteen true bills.

The report further recites that the moral condition of the county is a good one, gambling, the illegal sale of liquor and other infringements of the law being on the wane. The jail and county farm were found to be in excellent condition, and the books of the various county officials correctly and neatly kept.

FOOTBALL ON THANKSGIVING.

It has been definitely decided that the football teams of the Louisiana State University at Shreveport and the A. and M. College at Starkville will meet in Columbus for a battle royal on Thanksgiving day. The Louisiana team is an exceptionally strong one, having met with only one defeat this season, which was at the hands of the Vanderbilt team, which is recognized as the star team of the south.

The game will be played at the fair grounds.

SYNOD'S SESSION CLOSED FRIDAY.

MEETING WAS AN INTERESTING AND PROFITABLE ONE.

The Body Will Meet Next Year at Laurel, Miss.

The Synod of Mississippi, which convened in annual session at the First Presbyterian church in this city last Tuesday evening, completed its work late Friday afternoon and adjourned to meet in Laurel, Miss., on the third Tuesday in November of next year.

The session here was a most interesting one, many distinguished divines, not only from Mississippi, but from other southern states being present. As stated in the Commercial last Thursday, the synod decided to take the Palmer orphanage, which has until now been the private property and specific charge of the First Presbyterian church of this city, under its wing, and the institution will hereafter be governed by a joint board of trustees of nine members, six of which will be selected by the synod and three by the church. Another important matter which came before the body was the selection of a site for the Synodical college which is soon to be established, Holly Springs having been chosen after a spirited fight, as will be seen by the proceedings, a brief resume of which is given below. The proceedings given are those for Thursday and Friday only, Wednesday's proceedings having been given in the Commercial last Thursday.

THURSDAY'S SESSION.

The synod convened at nine o'clock Thursday morning, with Dr. Raymond, the newly elected moderator, in the chair. The session was a busy one, and among the matters disposed of were the following:

Rev. T. L. Hanson was appointed historian of the synod.

A committee consisting of Revs. E. H. Gregory, S. C. Caldwell and J. H. Allen was appointed to examine and report on the records of the synod.

The report of the Home Mission committee was received and its recommendations adopted.

The report of the committee on Sabbath Schools was received, and its recommendations adopted. An invitation from President Kincannon, of the Industrial Institute and College, to visit that institution was accepted, the time of the visit being fixed for Friday morning.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Mississippi, North Mississippi, Chickasaw and Tombecbee, reported that they had examined these records and found the same correct in every particular, as far as written.

Revs. J. E. Jones and J. B. Hutton and Ruling Elder James Harper, of the Natchez church, were appointed trustees of Chamberlain-Hunt academy at Port Gibson for the ensuing three years.

A complimentary resolution regarding the address of Dr. Isaac McElroy, the synod's secretary of ministerial work, was adopted.

The report of the committee on the Narrative was received and adopted.

On Thursday evening there were devotional exercises, which were conducted by Rev. W. A. Alexander, of the Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tenn. Dr. Alexander is a most learned man, and his discourse was thoughtful and logical, being listened to with marked attention by a large number of citizens as well as by the members of the synod.

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

On Friday morning the delegates visited the Industrial Institute and College, where short devotional exercises were held, being opened with prayer by Rev. T. W. Raymond, of Holly Springs, and addresses were made by Dr. Chisolm, of Natchez, and Hon. T. H. Somerville, of Oxford.

The delegates all expressed

themselves as being highly pleased with the college, and with the admirable way in which it is conducted.

At the conclusion of the exercises at the college the delegates proceeded to the church, where the remainder of the forenoon was spent in a business session, the most important matter taken up being the location of the state college which is to be established by the synod. Proposals from several cities seeking the location of the school and proffering donations in the shape of both real estate and money were received, the fight finally narrowing down to Holly Springs and Jackson. Each of these two places had enthusiastic champions working in their behalf, but Rev. T. W. Raymond, who represented Holly Springs' interests, finally won the day, the synod having voted to locate the college in that city.

After Jackson's champions found that they were outnumbered they proposed making the choice of Holly Springs unanimous, and a motion to that effect was speedily carried.

Holly Springs agrees to donate \$15,000 in cash, and buildings valued at \$25,000 to the school.

After the matter of the location of the school had been settled, the synod was addressed by Dr. W. A. Alexander, of the Southwestern Presbyterian University, at Clarksville, Tenn., and at the conclusion of this address the body adjourned for dinner.

The synod re-convened at two o'clock, and the afternoon was consumed in the transaction of routine business, the body adjourning about half-past four o'clock to meet again at Laurel, Miss., on the third Tuesday in November of next year.

On Tuesday evening there were the usual divine services, an excellent sermon being delivered by Rev. C. S. Newman, of Canton. At the conclusion of Mr. Newman's sermon, there was a general hand shaking, and the members bade each other good-bye, all declaring that their stay in Columbus had been fraught with much profit and pleasure.

A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

Last Thursday evening late, while circuit court was in session and Judge S. M. Roane was arguing a point pertaining to the advisability of certain testimony, word was sent to Judge Sykes that a couple from Lamar county, Ala., were at the outer door seeking admission, and desiring to be made one by his honor. The judge did not like to have the business of the court interfered with by such proceedings, but being informed that arrangements had already been made whereby he was to perform the ceremony and that District Attorney Barron was to act as best man and Messrs. B. F. Dewberry, of Atlanta, Graham Jones, Frank Brown and Horace Lindsey, of Columbus, were to act as ushers, he, always kind and accommodating, consented to tie the knot. He was not quite familiar with the ceremony, but was soon furnished with a form book, and the bridal party were notified that he was ready. No arrangements were made for a wedding march to be played, but instead there was a stillness that signified to the spectators that something awful was about to happen. Indeed the scenes in the court room were such as are usual when the sentence of death is about to be pronounced, but on the outside, where the best man and ushers were getting the bride and groom ready for the trying ordeal, everything was different. District Attorney Barron and the jolly crowd of railroad men were in the circuit clerk's office having a good time at the expense of the contracting parties, who were Mr. S. M. Thomas and Miss Missouri Price, and whose homes are about six miles northeast of Vernon, Ala.

Before buying the license the groom asked: "What's it goin' to cost me?" District Attorney Barron replied: "If you will let me be best man I'll arrange it with Judge Sykes for him to do it for nothing." The groom said this was satisfactory, and turning to Circuit Clerk Cooper, who had informed him that the necessary papers would cost him \$3, said: "Say, pardner, can't you do a little better than that,"

and being informed that the price named was the minimum, he fished down in his pocket and brought forth the required amount.

While the clerk was making out the license, some one asked the would-be husband if it was a runaway couple. He replied: "Nope, just a slip off." But the fact that they drove twenty miles through the country and that he forgot his name when the ceremony was being performed indicates that there might have been some little objection.

Everything in readiness, the party began the march to the judge's stand, Messrs. Dewberry and Jones leading the way, followed by Messrs. Brown and Lindsey. Then came Hon. J. W. Barron, who preceded the bride and groom. Arriving upon the rostrum the ushers formed in two facing each other, while the best man and the bride and groom faced Judge Sykes, who, in his usual quiet and gentle manner, performed the ceremony. The job being well done and in accordance with the law, the judge, members of the bar and spectators all came forward and extended congratulations. The employees of the Southern railway who were there decided that some kind of a present would be appropriate, so they proceeded to take up a collection, and in a few moments had raised enough money to buy a bowl and pitcher, which was given with their compliments to the happy couple, the presentation being made by Mr. W. J. O'Neal, of Atlanta, who afterwards took them around to see the beautiful show windows, the electric lights, etc.

Bright and early Friday morning they started on their return home, very much elated over the prominence of their marriage. When last seen the bride was carrying the bowl and pitcher in her lap.

Don't forget the "El Plano." The dime cigar sold by Mayo and Weaver for a nickel.

Big shipment of new goods at Kaufman Bros.

Notice to City Tax Payers.

The tax rolls for the city for the year, 1902-1903 are now in my hands for collection. Come early. All taxes unpaid on the 1st day of January are liable to damages.

B. A. LINCOLN,

City Marshal.

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Notice to Contractors.

Bids will be received by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Miss., up to December 3, 1902, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., for the building of a new city hall and fire department building according to the plans and specifications on file in the Mayor's office. Bonds in full amount of contract price will be required. A certified check for twenty per cent. of bids must accompany same. Bids will be addressed to the Mayor and City Council. The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

11-23-stas C. L. LINCOLN, Mayor.

An Old Fashioned Thanksgiving Dinner



Was always a bounteous repast, and was made an occasion of general rejoicing, and the dining room was made as attractive as possible.

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AMUSEMENTS.

THE BONTONIA SEXTETTE.

The Bontonia Sextette, which appeared at the College chapel last Monday night under the auspices of the Columbus Lyceum Association, gave one of the finest concerts ever listened to in Columbus. They were greeted by a large and brilliant audience, and every number on the program was thoroughly enjoyed.

AT VALLEY FORGE.

At Valley Forge was the attraction of the Columbus opera house last Tuesday night. The play is a palpable plagiarism of Janice Meredith, and the company presenting it is a most inferior one.

THE OTHER FELLOW.

A small audience greeted Harry West, who appeared at the Columbus opera house in "The Other Fellow" last Friday night, and those who remained at home deserve to be congratulated, for the play is guiltless of plot, and does not contain a single bright line or amusing situation. In her dance Katherine Potter made such an exhibition of lingerie and limbs that Manager Jones turned the lights down and compelled

her to leave the stage. Harry West may be all right in some other towns, but his show didn't go in Columbus.

MEMORIES OF THE OLD SOUTH.

Gen. George D. Johnston, of Tuscaloosa, lectured at the College chapel last Friday night on "Memories of the Old South." The lecture, which was given for the benefit of the Beauvoir fund, was a very interesting one, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who heard it.

After this long, dry spell of weather, will come days of storm and rain. Are you provided with umbrella and rain coat? If not, consult at once with Columbus Clothing Co.

Sparkling cut glass in great profusion, beautiful and useful, the most appropriate of all for a present to a fair bride. A large stock at 57 Main street, Buder Brothers. 10-5-ft.

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